

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

My name is Javaid Siddiqi and I am writing to you regarding your reconsideration of the rules that require telephone companies to provide ISPs access to the public switched phone network. Removal of these requirements would be a grave mistake.

I and millions others like me depend on my local Internet Service Provider to give me access to Internet services and options not available from the large telephone carriers. If you choose to remove my ISP's access to the public phone network, it will no longer be able to provide me and others the level of service we have come to enjoy and expect for Internet access. Such action will simply force independent ISPs out of business and will do nothing but LIMIT consumer choice not expand it.

Furthermore, by removing fair interconnection requirements and reducing our choice, you will likely also allow consumer rates to rise. By having a current choice among several providers, I am not only allowed to find the best services to suit my needs, but also for best price. Reducing the number of ISPs in the marketplace will certainly have the obvious result of reduced competition and increased prices for consumers in the long run.

The services offered by my local ISP are very dependable and are offered in a very professional manner. This local ISP (IGLOU www.iglou.com) is a very special ISP that I have come to depend upon and like very much. I big phone company and the cable companies in my town (Lexington, KY) don't even come close to the level of service provided by this ISP.

The technical support staff is Simply WONDERFUL and very competent. They provide 24/7 service with open phone lines and minutes in getting a very technical and knowledgeable staff.

The email accounts provided by this local ISP offers great services not even offered by the big guys (like, Yahoo, MSN). I am not exaggerating. They provide reliable and dependable service.

I get static IP addresses from this provider which is a great feature I absolutely need. The big players like Verizon and the local companies don't even have time to even consider or listen to you or your comments, let alone providing static IP addresses.

Simply put PLEASE DON'T DO THIS. Let these ISP's help the consumer -- they keep the big guys on their heels and every consumer benefits from them.

I sincerely hope that you think very carefully what you are considering. Consumers all across America are depending on you to make the right decision. The right decision is to maintain and grow the level of competition in the Internet marketplace. That goal is best met by protecting and nurturing competitive market conditions for the thousands of independent ISPs - not by handing even more market power to the monopolies who control our phone network.

Commissioners, I implore you to continue to protect the ISPs' access to the public telephone networks, thereby protecting the rights of millions of consumers like me.

Sincerely,

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